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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 625 (Cassis)

SB 626 (Van Woerkom)

SB 627 (Allen)

SB 628 (CLARK-COLEMAN)

SB 629 (Kuipers)

SB 661 (Allen)

SB 662 (Allen)

Senate Bills 625-29 and Senate Bills 661-62 amend various financial aid provisions to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive grant and scholarship money.

Support: Michigan Catholic Conference.

Oppose: Mi. ACLU.

Senate Bill 625 amends current law which provides for aid for part-time, independent students with financial need to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive grant and scholarship money.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would prohibit the use of public funding for sectarian religious training.
- SB 625 passed [RC 7: 34 yes, 2 no].

Senate Bill 626 amends the State competitive scholarship program to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive scholarship money.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would prohibit the use of public funding for sectarian religious training.
- SB 626 passed [RC 8: 34 yes, 2 no].

Senate Bill 627 amends the Merit Award Act to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive grant and scholarship money.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated [RC 1: 12 yes, 24 no]. This would prohibit the use of public funding for sectarian religious training. This amendment will protect Michigan's Constitution, which, in Article I, Section 4, prohibits the use of public funds for the support of religion.

- SB 627 passed [RC 2: 34 yes, 2 no].

Senate Bill 628 amends the Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant Program to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive grant money.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would prohibit the use of public funding for sectarian religious training.
- SB 628 passed [RC 3: 34 yes, 2 no].

Senate Bill 629 amends current law that provides for tuition grants for students enrolled in independent, nonprofit colleges or universities to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive grant money.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would prohibit the use of public funding for sectarian religious training.
- SB 629 passed [RC 4: 34 yes, 2 no].

Senate Bill 661 amends current law which provides for tuition differential grants to students enrolled in independent, nonprofit colleges or universities to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive grant money.

- Jacobs 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would prohibit the use of public funding for sectarian religious training.
- SB 661 passed [RC 5: 34 yes, 2 no].

Senate Bill 662 amends current law which provides for reimbursement to approved independent, nonprofit colleges and universities a certain amount for each degree they confer on students to allow students who are pursuing degrees in theology, divinity or religious education programs to receive grant and scholarship money.

- Brater 1 (1 amend) was defeated [no RC]. This would prohibit the use of public funding for sectarian religious training.
- SB 662 passed [RC 6: 34 yes, 2 no].

THIRD READING

SB 109 (Garcia)

Senate Bill 109 moves the Commission on Spanish-speaking affairs from the Office of Management of Budget to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 109 was moved to 3rd Reading.